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SUBJECT: FINNISH-BULGARIAN "FREE TRADE AREA": QUESTIONS
FOR KAARLEHTO

REFS: A. GENEVA 7111 B. L-4196 (NOTAL)

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1. FOR GENEVA: TO MAKE WP SESSION MORE PRODUCTIVE, WE

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE BULGARIANS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE "FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS" AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW HOW FTOS CHOOSE BETWEEN DIFFERENT SOURCES FOR IMPORTS, THE EXTENT TO WHICH QUANTITIES PURCHASED REFLECT THE PLAN OR CAN RESPOND TO PRICE DIFFERENCES, AND HOW PRICES CHARGED BY THE FTOS TO DOMESTIC END-USERS OR CONSUMERS ARE SET. FINALLY, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE BULGARIAN IMPORT STATISTICS, BROKEN DOWN BY SOURCE (I.E. IMPORTS FROM CEMA COUNTRIES, FROM DEVELOPED MARKET-ECONOMY COUNTRIES OTHER THAN FINLAND, FROM FINLAND, AND FROM LDC'S) FOR THE LATEST AVAILABLE YEAR.

2. MISSION SHOULD URGE KAARLEHTO TO DO WHAT HE CAN TO CONVINCE THE BULGARIANS TO PARTICIPATE, AS EXCHANGES

ARE LIKELY TO BE FAR MORE USEFUL IF BULGARIANS ENTER INTO THE DIALOG DIRECTLY.

3. IN ADDITION TO QUESTIONS TO BE RELAYED TO THE BULGARIANS, MISSION MAY WISH TO ASK KAARLEHTO WHETHER FINNS PLAN TO UPDATE PRIOR TO WP MEETING STATISTICS CONTAINED IN ANNEX 1 OF L-4196 TO INCLUDE 1975 DATA.

4. FOR EMBASSY SOFIA: EMBASSY IS INVITED TO COMMENT ON/PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 1 OR TO PROVIDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU BELIEVE WILL BE USEFUL IN PREPARING THE U.S. POSITION FOR THE WP MEETING. ROBINSON

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